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VIA FACSIMILE

Craig Melodia, Esq.
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Re: Skinner Landfill in West Chester, Ohio

Dear Mr. Melodia:

This letter is in response to your letter dated January 30, 2001. As I mentioned in my last correspondence with you, my client, Sealy, Inc. ("Sealy"), is indeed interested in pursuing further settlement negotiations with the United States. At this time, Sealy is prepared to agree in principle to a settlement along the lines discussed in your January 30th letter. Obviously, the details of such a settlement must be ironed out and agreed upon by the United States and Sealy, but we look forward to working closely with you to achieve the "global settlement resolving all claims against Sealy related to the Site," as described in your letter.

Please contact me at your earliest convenience so that we can proceed into the next stage of our settlement discussions.

Very truly yours,

John A. Heer

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